



Professional Career

Preview

Answer the questions. Then talk about your answers:

1. What does your job involve?
2. Are you responsible for anything or anyone?
3. Have you had much training from the company?
4. Have you been promoted since you started in the company?
5. How do you feel about your future prospects in the company?
6. Are you happy in the job?

I. READING

Read and translate the text

PROFESSIONAL CAREER



When George left school he **applied for a job** in the account department of a local engineering company. They gave him a job as a **trainee**. He didn't **earn** very much but they gave him a lot of help and advice with learning the job, and sent him on **training courses**.

George worked hard at the company and his **prospects** looked good. After his first year he got a good **pay rise**, and after two years he was **promoted**. After six years he was **in charge of** the account department with five other **employees under him**.

By the time George was 30, however, he decided he wanted a **fresh challenge**. He was



keen to work abroad, so he **resigned** from his company and started looking for a new job with a bigger company. After a couple of months he managed to find a job with an international company which **involved** a lot of foreign travel. He was very excited about the new job and at first he really enjoyed the travelling.

But having worked for six months, George started to dislike the constant moving around, and after a year he hated it; he hated living in hotels, and he never really made any friends in the new company. Unfortunately, his work was not satisfactory either and finally he was **sacked** a year later.

After that, George found things much more difficult. He was **unemployed** for over a year. He had to sell his car and move out his new house. Things were looking bad and in the end George had to accept a **part-time job** on a fruit and



vegetable **stall** in a market.

To his surprise, George loved the market. He made a lot of friends and enjoyed working out in the open air. After two years, he **took over** the stall. Four years later he opened a second stall, and after ten years he had fifteen stalls. Last year George **retired** at the age of 55, a very rich man.

II. VOCABULARY

1. to apply for [ə'plai] He applied for a job.	подать заявление о приеме на работу Он подал заявление о приеме на работу.
2. trainee [,trei'ni:] They gave him a job as a trainee.	стажер Его приняли на работу в качестве стажера.
3. to earn [з:n] At first he didn't earn very much.	зарабатывать Сначала он зарабатывал не очень много.
4. training course ['treiniŋ kɔ:s] She was sent on training courses.	курс обучения Ее послали на курсы обучения.
5. prospects ['prɒspekts] His prospects looked good.	перспектива (карьерного роста) У него была хорошая перспектива карьерного роста.
6. pay rise [pei raiz] After his first year he got a good pay rise.	прибавка к заработной плате Через год он получил существенную прибавку к зарплате.
7. to promote [prə'məʊt] After two years he was promoted.	продвигать, повышать Через два года он получил повышение.
8. to be in charge of [tʃɑ:dʒ] He was in charge of the accounts department.	руководить, быть ответственным Он руководил отделом бухгалтерии.
9. employee [im'plɔ:i:]	работник, подчиненный
10. under smb. He had five other employees under him.	находиться в подчинении у кого-либо У него в подчинении было пять

	человек.
11. fresh challenge ['tʃæliɪndʒ] He decided he wanted a fresh challenge.	новая, более сложная работа Он решил, что ему нужна новая, более сложная работа.
12. to resign from [rɪ'zaɪn] She resigned from her company.	увольняться из Она уволилась из компании.
13. to involve [ɪn'vɒlv] He found a job which involved a lot of travel.	включать в себя, состоять Он нашел работу, предполагающую много командировок.
14. to sack [sæk] Finally he was sacked.	уволить В конце концов его уволили.
15. unemployed [ˌʌnɪm'plɔɪd]	безработный
16. part-time job [ˌpɑːt'taɪm] He had to accept a part-time job.	работать неполный рабочий день Ему пришлось согласиться работать неполный рабочий день.
17. stall [stɔːl]	ларек, продуктовая палатка
18. to take over After two years, he took over the stall.	взять под контроль, выкупить Через два года он выкупил палатку.
19. to retire [rɪ'taɪə] He retired at the age of 55.	уйти на пенсию Он ушел на пенсию в 55 лет.

III. READING COMPREHENSION

1. Answer the questions:

1. What job did George apply for when he left school?
2. Did he earn very much at first?
3. How did the company help George?
4. When was he promoted?
5. What happened to him after six years at the company?
6. What did George want when he turned 30?
7. What kind of job did he find at the international company?
8. What were the problems he came across with?

9. Why was he sacked?
10. For how long was he unemployed?
11. What job did he have to accept in the end?
12. What happened when he started working at the market?
13. When did he retire?

2. Read the statements and say whether they are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false ones:

1. They gave him a job as a manager.
2. They sent him on training courses.
3. George worked hard at the company.
4. After four years he was in charge of the accounts department.
5. By the time George was 30 he decided he wanted a fresh challenge.
6. He found a job with the local company which involved a lot of foreign travel.
7. He liked living in hotels, and he made a lot of friends in the new company.
8. He was sacked two years later.
9. He had to sell his car and move out his new house.
10. To his surprise, George loved the market.
11. Five years later he opened a second stall, and after twelve years he had fifteen stalls.
12. Last year George retired at the age of 60, a very rich man.

IV. ANALYZE

1. Complete the words or phrases using words from the box:

pay	resign	foreign	training	fruit and	vegetable	open
stall	department	challenge	abroad	company	job	

1. account.....
2.courses
3.rise
4. fresh.....
5. work.....
6.from company
7. international.....
8.travel
9. part-time
10.stall
11.air
12. took over the.....

2. Match the words with their English definitions:

1. a trainee	a. told to leave the company
2. promoted	b. wrote an official request for
3. prospects	c. a new exciting situation
4. employee	d. included
5. sacked	e. stopped working completely
6. a fresh challenge	f. a very junior person in a company
7. applied for	g. out of work / without job
8. part-time job	h. more money
9. involved	i. worker in the company
10. pay rise	j. given a higher position with more money and responsibility
11. retired	k. working only some of the day or some of the week
12. unemployed	l. future possibilities in the job

3. Complete these with a suitable word or phrase:

1. I don't want a full-time job. I'd prefer to work
2. She'd like to go on another training
3. I'm bored in my job. I need a fresh
4. He works on a stall in the
5. At the end of this year we should get a good pay
6. She's got more than a hundred workers under
7. I didn't know he was the new manager. When did he take?
8. It was a boring job and the pay was awful. Why did he..... ?

4. Match the words with their Russian equivalents:

1. account department	h. международная компания
2. to work abroad	i. зарубежные командировки
3. satisfactory	j. местная инженерная компания
4. to work out in the open air	k. принять
5. take over the stall	l. бухгалтерский отдел
6. unfortunately	m. работать на свежем воздухе
7. foreign travel	n. удовлетворительный
8. international company	o. к сожалению
9. local engineering company	p. выкупить палатку
10. to accept	q. работать за рубежом

5. Give the English equivalents from the text above:

1. подать заявление о приеме на работу

2. стажер
3. упорно работать
4. работать за рубежом
5. через пару месяцев
6. смог найти работу
7. постоянные командировки
8. уволили год спустя
9. овощной киоск
10. выкупил киоск

V. TRANSLATE

1. Я подал заявление в компанию по производству оборудования.
.....
2. Стажеры, как правило, много не зарабатывают.
.....
3. Раз в пять лет компания отправляет сотрудников на курсы обучения.
.....
4. Через два года она получила повышение.
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5. Мэри возглавляет бухгалтерию.
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6. Он уволился из компании потому, что не получил повышения.
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7. Я не люблю зарубежные командировки.
.....
8. Он работал так плохо, что был уволен через 3 недели.

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9. Моя сестра была безработной около года.

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10. Женщины в России уходят на пенсию в возрасте 55 лет.
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VI. SPEAKING

1. Make a story about your own career ladder

2. Read and reproduce the dialogue in pairs

Student A is an adviser in an employment agency

Student B is Tom Oldman, looking for a job

In an employment agency

Adviser: How long have you been out of work, Tom?

Tom: Oh, seven months; 500 of us **were laid off**¹ at the same time.

Adviser: And what exactly did you do before?

Tom: Well, I started as a machine operator but **eventually I became a foreman**² in charge of about fifty people.

Adviser: Really? How long did you work there?

Tom: For five years. I joined when I was twenty-five.

Adviser: And what did you do before that?

Tom: I was in **the navy**³. I joined when I left school. I left when I decided to settle down.

Adviser: Oh, right, and what have you been doing since you lost your job?

Tom: A bit of part-time work, gardening and driving. I prefer being outside or travelling around when I can. And applying for jobs, of course.

Adviser: How many jobs have you applied for?

Tom: Around sixty, but there are very few opportunities.

Adviser: Mm. Your qualifications are good and you've got a lot to offer. Have you ever thought about working in a call centre?

Tom: I'm not sure it is for me. I could not stay all day in an office. I'd rather have an outside job in a park or garden centre, but I'd prefer to work in a factory like before.

Adviser: Unfortunately there are very few vacancies in those areas.

Tom: Yes, I've got to be realistic, I suppose and it's hard bringing up a family on **unemployment benefit**⁴. Tell me more about the call centre.

Adviser: Well, you would get proper training and learn some useful new skills...and there would be opportunities for promotion too.

Notes

1. попали под сокращение
2. впоследствии я стал прорабом
3. военно-морской флот
4. пособие по безработице